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# Irish Edition



# The Start of St. Patrick Day

St. Patrick's Day started with a person name Patrick. He wasn't from Ireland Patrick was from Great Britain in the year 385. He was a priest that encouraged many people to convert to Catholicism. Patrick was so successful in Ireland that the Irish named a holiday after him. St. Patrick died on March 17, 461. In the middle of the Immigration boom in the United States at the turn of the 20th Century, cities such as Boston and New York began celebrating the holiday. Many Irish immigrants celebrated the day as a means to stay connected to their homeland.



## Searching for the Pot of Gold

Anyone who gets all of the questions correct will be entered into a drawing to win a gift card to Chipotle. Write your answers on a piece of paper and please turn in your entries to Mr. Kathrein in room 222 by March 16th.

1. Who was the first King of Norway?
2. What is Mr. Eichorn's first name?
3. How should you eat chips when you get to the bottom of a bag?
4. When did Mr. Mauk first start teaching at Lexington HS?
5. What is the most "Irish" city in the United States?
6. What teacher played golf at Ohio University?
7. What year did St. Patrick die?
8. Who performed the solo The Daisies at OMEA?
9. What teacher was a cheerleader at Ashland University?
10. What does the acronym ICE stand for?
11. What high school teacher is in Lexington's Athletic Hall of Fame?
12. Who is going to Ashland University as an Ashbrook Scholar?



# St. Patrick's Day around the World

Many cultures around the world celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Cities in the United States to countries such as: Australia, London, Belgium, Canada, and Germany each celebrated the day differently. Starting in the U.S the dyeing of the Chicago River is one of the highlights of the annual St. Patrick's Day celebrations in the Windy City. New York's iconic Empire State Building is 'going green' for this year's celebrations. The city's annual St. Patrick's Day Parade is the largest in the world and a staple of St. Patrick's Day shenanigans in the United States. Considered to be the most "Irish" city in the U.S., Boston celebrates St. Patrick's Day in style with its annual parade. The second-biggest St Patrick's Day parade in the country, it's held in the Irish-American neighborhood of South Boston, better known as 'Southie'. Each year, this parade attracts around a million spectators and is also broadcast live on TV to overseas troops. In London, they celebrate the holiday with parades, festivities throughout the day, and Irish music and dancing. St. Patrick's Day marks the death of Ireland's fifth-century patron saint, who, according to folklore, introduced Christianity to the Irish and banished snakes from the island. Until the 1980s, most businesses closed for the holiday, which meant Irish families would go to church and enjoy company at home on their day off. Today, people in Ireland celebrate the holiday with their family and friends.

## Honey and St. Patrick's Day



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# From Write On

Three brothers traveling with their families were looking for a place to live off the land. After traveling for several days they came across a large mountain. On the other side there were fruitful plains upon which the brothers could sow seed and raise cattle.

The eldest of brothers saw the loose rock falling from atop the mountain and decided to settle his family in the small area below. The younger two took their families higher. As they climbed they were pelted with falling debris and often had to stop to avoid being injured. Eventually the younger brother decided to turn back and attempt to use the small patch of land the eldest had settled on.

The middle brother kept climbing. Several days later he brought his family over the mountain and looked down to see how his brothers had settled below. The brother who had waited at the bottom, found the land shallow and infertile, with falling rocks that kept damaging any shelter he began to raise there.

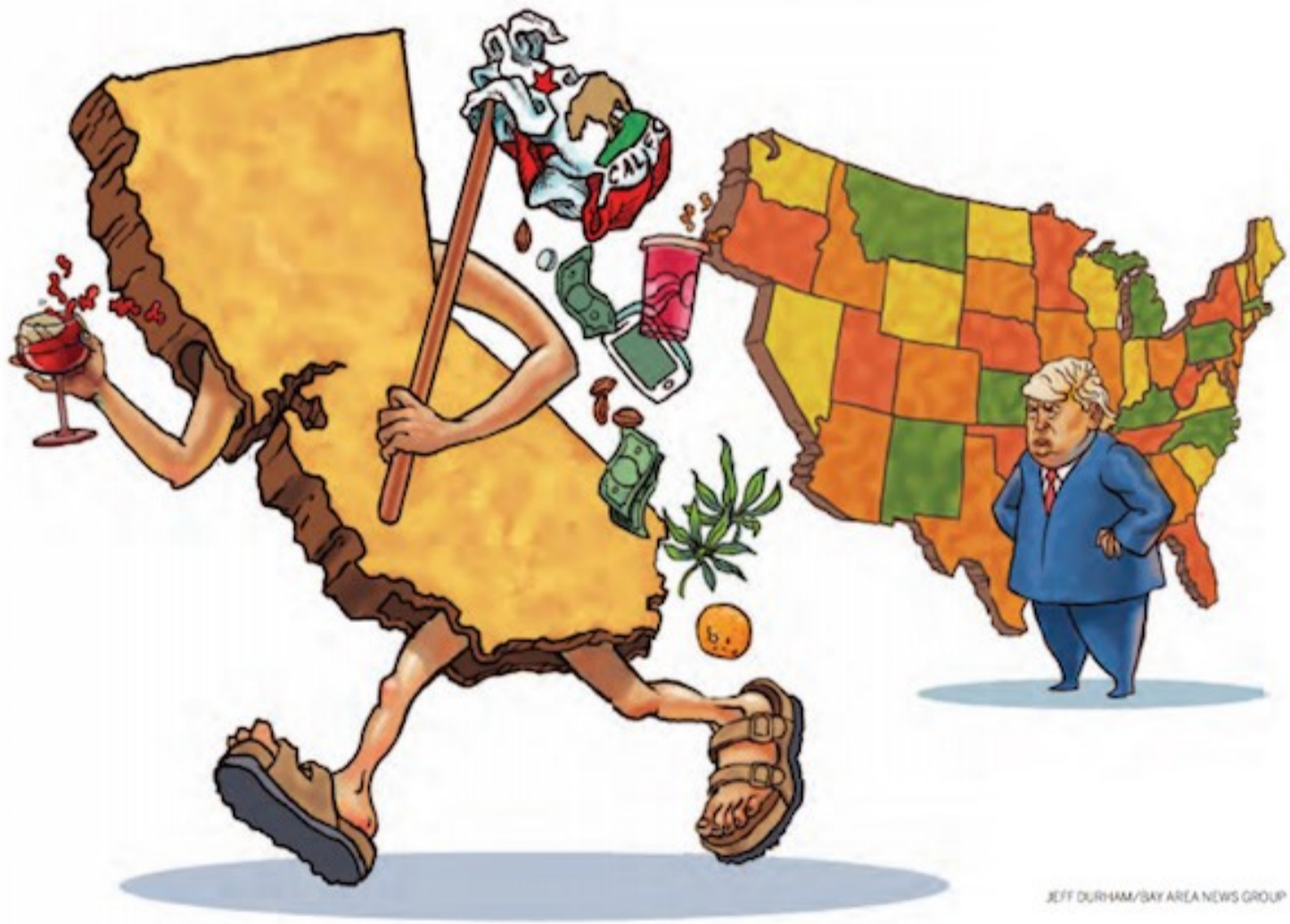
The brother who attempted to go down with the debris had been knocked down and severely hurt. Only the middle brother, who kept moving, had found land suitable for his family.

However, sympathetic for his brothers' fates the middle brother would not go back down the mountain and risk his own family. He built a shelter for his wife and children, and successfully reaped the fruit of the land he had toiled to reach.

## Sanctuary Cities

Since the early days of Donald Trump's campaign, he has been extremely vocal with his stance on illegal immigration and sanctuary cities. He's lauded mass deportation as his solution, and even made it one of his top priorities to crack down on sanctuary cities across the nation. Sanctuary cities are cities in which local law enforcement limits their cooperation with the federal government in immigration matters.

# CALIFORNIA DREAMIN'?



*There is no viable path to independence, but secessionists push on after Trump election*

The most well-known are in California, and as of January 1, 2018, California has laws set in place that allow it to become the first "sanctuary state." That means the entire state is limiting how much assistance local law enforcement can give to federal agents. As a result, President Trump used an executive order to move that federal grants should be stripped from sanctuary cities, along with increasing the ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) in California. Some choose to view this as a drastic move, while others don't believe it's drastic enough.

# 10 Crazy Life Hacks of the Week

Everyone loves a good life hack. If you're unsure what a life hack is, it's a strategy or technique adopted in order to manage one's time and daily activities in a more efficient way. Here are a few!

1. Do your ear buds ever hurt your ears after having them in for a while, especially with the rubber around them? Get some earplugs, cut off the round edge and poke a hole through them, big enough to fit on your headphones! It may not look like the most stylish thing in the world, but comfort is always a priority and may even stick in your ears better!
2. Those sweaters with fuzz that just comes right off or balls up so easily are so annoying. To fix the problem, take a comb and comb the sweaters where the fuzz is and it should come right off and be as smooth as ever!
3. Here is a crazy potato chip hack. We all know how annoying it gets when you've come to the bottom of the bag and just a few crumbs are left. Instead of trying to raise the chip bag to your mouth from where you opened it to get every last crumb, (which we all know that doesn't happen very often) cut off a corner from the bottom and pour the chips into your mouth that way! Seems a bit crazy but we all know its happens!
4. Do you ever want to take coffee on the go or you are just nervous you are going to spill it? If you have the right size mug, try using a Pringles lid to cover your mug!
5. That certain alarm noise that everyone wakes up to in the morning has become hard to roll out of bed to. If your phone is your alarm, try setting the ringer to an upbeat song that is fun and makes it easier to get out of bed.
6. A good way to save time in the morning especially if you have to shower, is storing your face cleanser in the shower if you already don't do this. It seems super simple but it does save time.
7. Tooth brush holders can get moldy at the bottom easily. A solution to this is a tennis ball! Take a knife and make a longer curved line into the tennis ball in the middle of the two white lines. Take a pair of googly eyes and glue them on. Take the knife again and make an X shape cut at the back. (If you're not use to using knives its best to ask and adult for help). Take a suction cup and push it in! This can stick to any surface like a bathroom mirror! This can also hold pens, pencils, etc. Toothbrush holders get moldy from the water that drips off of our brush and collect inside. With a holder like this any excess water will drip right off and your toothbrush can clean dry and fast. Say hello to a much more hygienic toothbrush.
8. Who doesn't love a tasty and twist to their water? Take a stick shaped ice tray and cut up fruit. You can use grapefruit, blueberries, kiwi, etc. any of your favorite fruits work! After cutting them up into small pieces place them in the ice tray. Then squeeze out all of the juice of a lemon and put the lemon juice in the ice slots as well. Freeze them over night and stick them into your water bottle! You'll instantly taste lemonade and have a refreshing taste all throughout the day.
9. This may sound a little weird but definitely worth not burning your hands on your hot coffee/tea. Cut the top half of a fuzzy sock and slip it on your coffee or tea cup! This is nice for the winter and keeps your hands warm too!
10. If you're the type of person that has a ton of keys, they can get super annoying especially when trying to find one you need. Painting your keys can be super helpful. You can do this with just simple nail polish! Quick, easy, and cute!



What you may remember as a fun family game night treat, was recently brought to life by the Lexington High School's National Honors Society. On February 16th NHS officers, Olivia and Abbey, debuted their delicious wonderland they spent months planning for the kids of

## Candyland Night

By: Leah

Lexington to go and enjoy. After last years' 'Frozen Night' it was hard to imagine what could top kids dancing to Frozen karaoke. However, it was evident with the amazing number of kids and great volunteers, this year's' event outshined Elsa and Ana. Abbey stated, "We were extremely excited to have such a great turnout of both volunteers and attendees. It was amazing to see so many students come together to put on this event for our community. All the planning and hard work was nothing compared to seeing the kids having a blast all night long!" The night consisted of various games, and activities, such as; cookie decorating, musical chairs, bowling, candy necklace making, and much more. From dancing to Disney songs, to stuffing their faces with Laffy Taffy, the kids practically inevitably had a blast, and thanks to Lexington's NHS members it was possible.



# Shhhhh.....Don't Tell Leah

Last month I did a little story on Cam just to show that we have many special talents at Lexington. This column is dedicated to all of the students that go unnoticed because their talents are outside of school functions. Cam's talent is skiing, but we don't have a ski team, so his talent goes unnoticed to all that don't spend their nights at Snow Trails. So, if you know of a hidden gem here at Lex, let a writer on the Lexington Concord know who it is and their special talent.

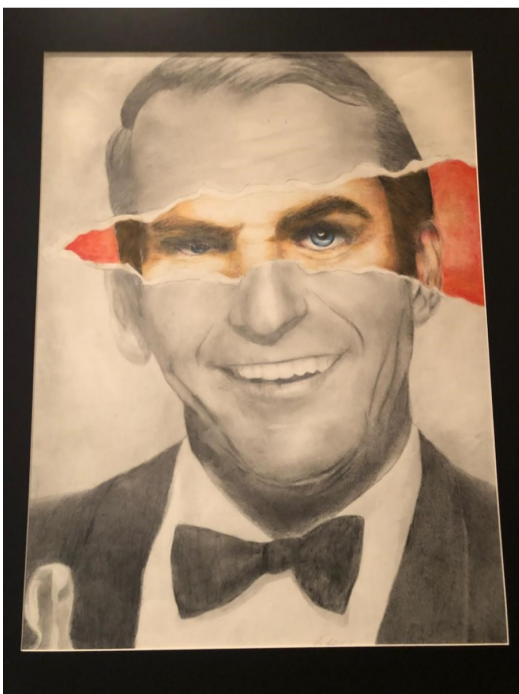
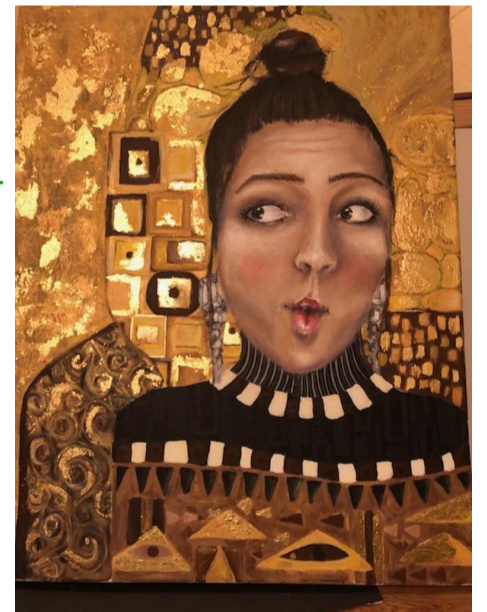


This month I decided to tell the school about Leah. She is a writer for the Lexington Concord, actually she is the Editor-in-Chief. I'm doing this without her knowledge because of her modesty she would want me to write about someone else. I picked Leah this issue because of something that happened in class this week. I have Leah in class along with another writer, Dillon. The Lexington Concord has met most Friday mornings for the last two years. Dillon often attended these meetings. Dillon sits in the back of the classroom and Leah sits in the front of the classroom. During class Dillon asked about submitting an article, which I told him it was due two days ago. I then suggested that he just talk with Leah and get it in as soon as possible. Dillon then said "I don't really know who she is." Stunned I pointed at Leah and said that she is right here. Of course the class laughed, Dillon and Leah were a little embarrassed and I decided to fix this wrong.

Leah can't be described as a wallflower because she does many different things. The reason she goes unnoticed lies in her shyness and modesty. Leah is one of the top students in her class; she was the top golfer on the girls' team earning District Honors; and she tutors students in math. Her special talent is art, specifically painting. Leah is a really talented painter. Leah is going to attend Ashland University to major in journalism and minor in political science as an Ashbrook Scholar. At Ashland, Leah will be a member of the women's golf team.

When Leah is studying at Ashland University she will encounter the philosopher, John Locke. Leah will then learn that she has been robbing society. Locke believes that it is an individual's duty to share their

talents. To hide a person's talents is stealing from all of us. Young people need to let their talents out, it makes us all better. It can be scary to put yourself out there for people to judge. But each of you owes it to society to share your talent. If Leah combines her degree with her artistic talent I see her winning many awards as a writer and illustrator on children's books or other literary endeavors.





# The Return of March Madness

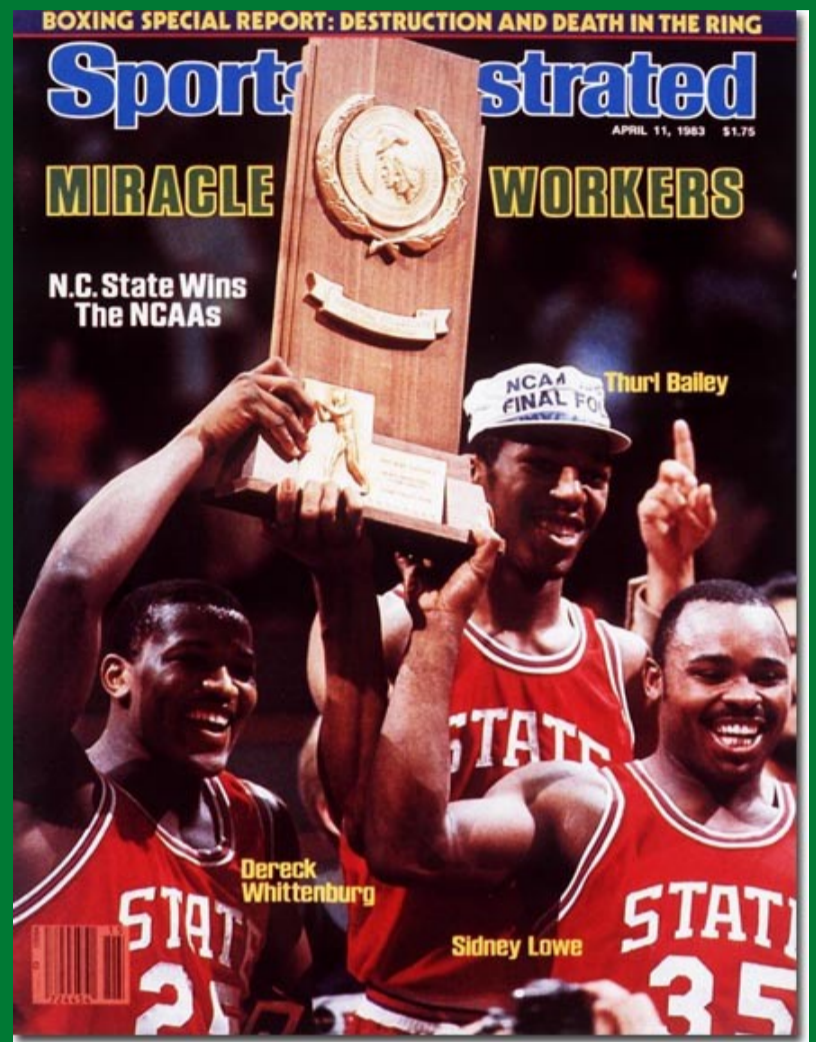
March not only signifies the end to winter and beginning of spring, but it's also every basketball fan's favorite month. That's right, March Madness is starting sooner than you think. Selection Sunday takes place on March 11th; after that, get ready for non-stop basketball. March Madness, for those who don't know, is an NCAA Men's Basketball tournament. The tournament consists of 68 teams from Division 1 universities throughout the United States. The teams are seeded and divided into their four regions, and each winner advances to the next game until there is one victorious team.



Not only is March Madness known as the ultimate basketball tournament, but it is also the home of the craziest upsets in sports history. From the 1983 championship with 6 seed NC State upsetting the first seed Houston, to 2016's Middle Tennessee (No. 15) upset against the second ranked Michigan State team. Every year, viewers



witness at least one underdog unexpected victory, what's better than that?



For any Ohio State fans, this year has been more than exciting. After a disappointing 2016-2017 season, Thad Matta resigned from his head coaching position. After 13 years of the Thad Matta era, Chris Holtmann was hired. Most expected a rebuilding season for Ohio State this year, but Holtmann had different plans. Ohio State finished second overall in the Big Ten, going 15-3 against conference teams. After week 17, Ohio State is ranked 13th on the AP top 25. While missing the tournament last year, Ohio State's new success is leaving fans eager to watch the team compete for a national championship title.

# Norway's Olympic Domination

Norway dominated the Winter Olympics in South Korea this year. Here is a little history of the small nation whose athletes owned the snow. Norway is a country located on the western half of the Scandinavian Peninsula. Approximately two-thirds of the country is mountainous, and off the coastline are 50,000 islands carved by glacial fjords.



**Languages & History:** The major languages of Norway are a combination of Finnish and Norwegian languages with influences of German and Danish.

The Finnish language is called Samisk and the two Norwegian languages are Bokmal and Nynorsk. Norway claims that their heritage starts with the early age of Norse settlers called "The Age of Vikings". In the ninth century Harald Fairhair became the first king of Norway. According to everyculture.com, the emergence of the nation-state can be traced to the formation of a national culture, then to that of a national identity, and finally the political events led to the country's emer-

gence as an independent nation in 1905.

**Scenery and Landmarks:** There is no better way to see Norway's natural beauties than by the stunning scenic rail routes. The best route begins in Oslo and runs over the Hardangervidda mountain plateau. The famous Flam Railway, the world's steepest, offers a wide variety of scenes from mountains to the rural plateaus. The Geirangerfjord is part of the Fjord Norway network. The Geirangerfjord region boasts some of the country's most impressive views, including the summit of Dalsnibba. On the summit of Dalsnibba travelers can see the surrounding mountains and Geirangerfjord below.

A large chunk of northern Norway is located within the Arctic Circle. Within the Norway section there are two major sights, the Midnight Sun and the Aurora Borealis. During the summer months the Arctic Circle has several weeks where the sun does not set; this is called the Midnight Sun. The Aurora Borealis is a natural phenomenon characterized by the appearance of streamers of red or green lights in the sky.



# OMEA Solo and Ensemble Contest

Many of the music students at Lexington High participated in the OMEA (Ohio Music Educators Association) adjudicated event.

In this event, Soloists and/or Ensembles are rated on their performance from 1-5 (in Roman Numerals). A V stands for a very poor performance indicating deficiencies in most of the essential factors and indicating that much careful attention should be given to the fundamentals of good performance. A IV rating stands for a poor performance showing many technical errors, poor musical conception, lack of interpretation, incomplete instrumentation, or lacking in any of the other essential qualities. A III means that it was an acceptable performance, but not outstanding; showing accomplishment and marked promise, but lacking one or more essential qualities. A rating of II means that it was an unusual performance in many respects, but not worthy of the highest rating due to minor defects in performance, ineffective interpretation or improper instrumentation. The highest rating a performance can receive is a I. A rating of I is for an outstanding performance, with very few technical errors and exemplifying a truly musical expression.

Performers compete in three different classes. Class A is the toughest class and the adjudicators grade their performances with extreme qualities. Musicians who perform in Class B are still graded tough, however the adjudicators do not expect a piece to be performed with as much precision as a Class A performer. Also, the music for Class B is easier than pieces in the Class A category. Class C is the easiest class, however do not think this makes it easy. Musicians in Class C still prepare their music pieces to perfection. This event took place on Febru-

ary 3rd, 2018, at Mansfield Sr. High. Students in multiple areas of our music program performed at the event.

There were seven vocalist performances from Lex. Lauren performed with a Class A piece of music, *Il mio bel foco*. Rachel performed with a piece in Class B, *The Daisies*. *Lasciatemi morire!* was performed by both Dillon and Sam, and that is a class B piece. Grace performed *For You There is No Song*, a Class A piece of music. Abby also performed in Class A with *Blow, Blow Thou Winter Wind*. Ellie performed in Class C with *Homeward Bound*.

There was a total of seventeen performances from the Band department. Most of these were solos; however, there were four small ensembles. The trumpet quartet (4 trumpet ensemble) consisted of Rick, Zoe, Ann, and Dylan. They performed in Class B and received a I. There were also trumpet solos from Alex, Ann, Elena, and Rick. Alex, and Elena performed in Class B. Alex and Elena received a II and Ann got a I. Rick performed in Class A and received a I. The horn trio (3 horn ensemble) was made up of Mikinzi, Colin, and Alex. They performed in Class B and got a I. There was only one horn solo, and that was by Mikinzi. She performed in Class A and received a I. Colton, Brendan, Josh, and Vince performed together in a Saxophone quartet, playing a Class B piece and receiving a I. There were four clarinet solos: MacKenzie, Elyssa, Juleah, and Sydney. MacKenzie performed a Class B piece and received a I. Elyssa, Juleah, and Sydney all performed in Class A. Juleah, and Sydney both received a rating of I, whereas Elyssa received a II. The clarinet trio played in Class B, receiving a I, with